

## A SUDDEN SUMMONS

Death of Sir John Thompson in England.

## CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER.

He Had Just Been Sworn in as a Member of the Privy Council at Windsor Castle. His Remains Will Probably Be Taken to Canada For Interment—Talk of His Successor Already Begun in Canada.

WINDSOR, Eng., Dec. 13.—Sir John Thompson, the Canadian prime minister, expired here yesterday, after the meeting of the privy council at which he was sworn in as a member. The Canadian premier was the first to arrive at Paddington railroad station, London, yesterday morning, in order to accompany the cabinet ministers and members of the privy council on the special train bound for this place, where a meeting of the privy council was to be held at the castle.



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Sir John waited on the platform of Paddington station for half an hour before the special train started, and during that time he conversed in an animated manner with a number of persons. Up to the time the train started, he had not shown any signs of fatigue or excitement, and his appearance and manner did not give the slightest indication that he was suffering from any illness.

After attending the privy council meeting Sir John adjourned with the ministers and others to luncheon. Shortly after this he became suddenly ill, and expired almost immediately. Dr. Ellison, one of the surgeons in ordinary to the household at Windsor, was sent for promptly, but he was unable to save his life.

When it was found that life was extinct, the superintendent of police was summoned and the body was removed to an adjoining apartment. The police found a crucifix, a rosary and a portrait of the Saviour on the person of the deceased. The remains were then carried to a smaller room in the Clarence Tower, which is situated at the bottom of the queen's staircase. Her majesty was then advised of the sudden death, and was greatly affected.

The coroner decided that no inquest was necessary and that the cause of death was syncope.

Sir Charles Tupper has taken charge of the remains. It is expected that they will be taken to Canada for burial.

Senator Sanford, with whom the Thompsons came to England, left Tuesday evening for Paris with Miss Thompson, daughter of the late premier, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford. A telegram was sent to announce Sir John's death to the senator, and Miss Thompson will return to this city.

Queen Victoria has telegraphed her condolence to the Canadian people.

Sir John has long been a sufferer from heart affection, said to be fatty degeneration. Among his colonial friends in London his death did not come with much surprise, as it did elsewhere, as among his friends his heart trouble was known.

## Talk of His Successor.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Dr. Wright, one of the late Sir John Thompson's physicians, says he was suffering from kidney trouble, inclining toward Bright's disease. The minister of customs, Hon. McKenzie Bowell, who has been acting premier since Sir John left for England, called a meeting of the cabinet for 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Most of the ministers, however, were in Western Ontario and nothing of consequence was done. It was stated on good authority that Hon. John Haggart, minister of railways, will finally be selected as successor to Sir John Thompson.

## SAILING VESSEL WRECKED.

It Was Probably the Garcia of San Francisco.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 13.—News reaches here that a sailing vessel went to pieces on the rocks at Netabar, about a mile south of Cape Mears lighthouse, on Sunday night. The particulars obtained are very meager, though pieces of the wrecked vessel are strewn along the beach for several miles. A piece of the stern was marked "Garcia, San Francisco."

The lifeboats came ashore, but were crushed to pieces. The masts and keel and also a sailor's hat were found on the beach. No bodies have come ashore yet and nothing that would show what her cargo was. It is thought from appearances the vessel struck on one of the sea lion rocks about a mile from shore.

## Carried a Crew of Four or Five.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The schooner Garcia left here last Sunday in ballast to load lumber at Coos bay. She was of 116 tons burden, and was commanded by Captain Larson. She carried a crew of four or five men, whose names are unknown. There is little doubt that the wreckage found off Tillamook belongs to her.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 13.—William Stuart, the Cincinnati man who was pounded up at the penitentiary by Ira Mariatt, the crazy convict, is in a dangerous condition. Mariatt hit him on the head with a brick, and it has been found that the skull is fractured.

## SHOT BY A BURGLAR.

A Prominent Business Man Almost Instantly Killed.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—Mr. William H. Price, a prominent business man and member of the firm of Chandler & Price, residing at 124 Hawthorne avenue, was murdered by burglars at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The burglars were discovered in the house by Mr. Price, who was aroused by the noise. He proceeded to investigate and when they found themselves discovered one of the robbers drew a revolver and shot Mr. Price. The shot took effect in the latter's breast and he fell where he stood. The robbers made their escape. Mr. Price only lived a few minutes after receiving the wound.

The entire detective force is at work on the case. One man has been arrested for supposed complicity in the murder. He gave the name of Joseph Mullen, and said he has been stopping at the corner of Summit and Erie streets. Detectives Lawrence and Sprouty and Patrolmen McGrath and Moore took the man into custody shortly after noon. He is charged with being a suspicious person.

## GIVEN A FRANCHISE.

The Electric Road From Niles to Youngstown Will Be Built.

WARREN, O., Dec. 13.—The electric railway controversy, involving three companies, which were each seeking to get a franchise between Niles and Youngstown, by way of Girard, was decided by the county commissioners in this city. The Mahoning Valley company was given the franchise, with the condition that it must have the road in operation within nine months. The companies whose applications were rejected are located in Warren and Niles. The Mahoning Valley company was but recently organized by Cleveland, Youngstown, Warren and Niles men, and is capitalized at \$150,000.

## SAVAGE COLORED GIRL.

Tears Out a Boy's Eyes, Bites Off One Ear and Crushes His Skull.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 13.—A race trouble exists in Oak Grove school district. As the children were returning home from school Monday, some youngsters made odious remarks about a colored girl in their company.

This enraged the girl, and she attacked the 12-year-old son of G. W. Greathouse, tearing out his eyes and biting off one ear. She followed this up by crushing the boy's skull with a rock, producing his death at last. The girl escaped and is at large. The negroes take the girl's part, and this may lead to more trouble.

## Narrow Escape of a Family.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 13.—Early yesterday morning the residence of John Welsh and ex-Policeman John Morrow were burned. The fire was caused by a lamp exploding. Morrow and his family lost everything, and had a close call for their lives, escaping in their night clothes. At the same time the residence of Patrick Welsh, in another part of the city, was burned before the firemen could render assistance. Total loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$150.

## Kentuckian Suicides.

MOUNT OLIVET, Ky., Dec. 13.—Thomas Hitt, a wealthy farmer, living near Sandusky, about four miles north of here, committed suicide by hanging himself with a trace chain from a raft in his barn. Exactly what led him to the desperate act is not known, but it is generally believed that his mind was unbalanced. He was married, was about 45 years of age, and was one of the most influential farmers in Mason county.

## Girl Tarred and Feathered.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 13.—A report has just reached here of a tar and feathering at Bainbridge, south of here, on the Ohio Southern Sunday night. A white girl of Cynthia, who had, it is charged, been keeping company with a negro named Buck, was the victim. She was tarred and feathered, and in that condition walked seven miles to her home. The mob tried to catch Buck, but he escaped.

## Dragging the River.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—The police are dragging the river below the city for the bodies of Mrs. Ina Netzen and two small children. She has been a school teacher in Omaha for 10 years. Saturday she left her school, acting as if demented. Last night her hat was found on the river bank, where tracks showed a woman had walked into the river. Her friends fear she has committed suicide.

## First to Reduce Mining Wages.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—Henry Floor-sheim is the first coal operator in this district to take advantage of the abrogation of the wage scale by the board of arbitration. He has posted a notice at his Nottingham and Germania mines that beginning Monday, Dec. 17, the rate for mining will be 55 cents per ton, a reduction of 11 cents from the scale rates. About 500 men are affected.

## Saved the Icehouse.

PORT CLINTON, O., Dec. 13.—The fish-house of the Port Clinton Fish company, successors to Bertach & Moore, was totally consumed by fire last night. The building contained a small stock of frozen fish, all the firm's twine and loose equipments. Insured for about \$7,000. The icehouse was saved.

## Outbreak of Diphtheria.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—There is great alarm at Ashtabula, O., over an outbreak of malignant diphtheria. Fifty-seven new cases have been reported during the past six days, and seven deaths have occurred. The state board of health has been appealed to for help.

## JAP TROOPS LANDED

Shan-Hai-Kwan Taken Without Resistance.

## FU-CHOW HAS ALSO FALLEN.

The Chinese Troops Retreating Toward New-Chwang—The Japanese Armies to Join Forces and March on to Peking. China Offers a Reward For Japanese Heads—Latest Korean War News.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13.—It is stated here that the Japanese have effected a landing at Shan-Hai-Kwan, near Taku. The Japanese are said to number about 25,000 men.

Count Inouye, the Japanese minister at Seoul, has had an interview with the King of Korea, the result of which, it is said, will probably be that the regents will resign.

Large numbers of Tonghaks made an attack upon Koskin on Nov. 28, and were defeated by the Japanese with great slaughter. Two of the rebel chiefs were killed.

## Japanese Armies Join Forces.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Times publishes a dispatch from Kobe, Japan, stating that it is supposed that the first and second Japanese armies will join forces and take New-Chwang, and then make a combined advance on Peking. Further reinforcements will leave Hiroshima for the front within a few days.

## Reward For Japanese Heads.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A Shanghai dispatch to The Times says the discovery is reported of documents, signed by the Viceroy of Nankin, offering rewards for Japanese heads.

It is stated that the Chinese soldiers at Wei-Hai-Wei intend to desert if the Japanese appear.

## Another Japanese Victory.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 13.—A detachment of the second Japanese army have occupied Fu-Chow, a town some 75 miles north of Port Arthur. They met with no resistance. The Chinese are retreating in a northeasterly direction toward New-Chwang.

## TRAIN ROBBER SENTENCED.

He Will Be Hanged February 8 if the Sentence Is Carried Out.

TUCSON, A. T., Dec. 13.—A special to The Star from Florence says Judge Roase has sentenced Oscar Rogers, convicted of train robbery, to be hanged Feb. 8. The crime for which he has been sentenced to suffer the death penalty was perpetrated on the 30th of last September when three men, Oscar Rogers, Frank Arner and John Donovan, held up the eastbound overland at Maricopa station. They secured about \$80 from the Wells-Fargo box and the messenger's watch.

Arner was captured the following day near Phoenix after a desperate fight with the sheriff and posse. He was wounded, but has fully recovered. Rogers was captured near Yuma and brought to Tucson. Donovan is still at large. Last week Arner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 30 years at Yuma penitentiary. Rogers declared himself innocent, and the trial resulted as already stated. An appeal will be taken.

## Shot in Her Father's Arms.

HOUSTON, Dec. 13.—The 4-year-old daughter of Sam Lazzio was shot through the arm and in the stomach while sleeping in her father's arms this morning shortly after 2 o'clock, and is now hovering between life and death. The assassin poked his weapon between the slats of the window, saw his intended victim sleeping with his child in his arms, and fired the murderous shot that was supposed to send one and perchance two souls into eternity. Lazzio keeps a grocery store, and yesterday afternoon refused a negro credit. He left there vowing vengeance. It is supposed this negro is the guilty party.

## Shipping Oysters to England.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 13.—The first shipment of oysters in crates to England from this port, left Newport News yesterday by steamship Shenandoah. Sixty-five crates, consigned to a Liverpool firm, was made as an experimental shipment, and if successful will open up a large trade and establish great packing houses for European shipments.

## Died of a Broken Heart.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—William N. Conner, an old citizen of prominence, died yesterday of a broken heart. His son was sentenced to the penitentiary and the old man grieved violently until death relieved him. His other sons and the entire family have fine reputations. The one wayward boy had been in the reform school when a lad.

## Crime Premeditated.

RIDGEWAY, Mo., Dec. 13.—Clint and Ida Onstott, the little stepchildren of David Spragg, who suffered such murderous treatment at his hands Tuesday, are still alive, but can hardly recover. At the coroner's inquest everything indicated the crime had been premeditated and that the insanity theory is untenable.

## First Police Bribery Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Ex-Police Captain John T. Stephenson was declared guilty of bribery last night by the jury who heard his case in the court of oyer and terminer. He was remanded back to the Tombs for sentence on Friday. This is the first of the police bribery cases to be tried.

## Favor Greater New York.

ALBANY, Dec. 13.—Official returns from Kings county show a majority of 237 for consolidation with New York

## BARTENDER SHOT.

A Texas Attorney Commits a Cold-Blooded Murder in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Octavius Selvig, a bartender, was shot and fatally wounded last night by Robert D. Welbourne, an attorney, of Henrietta, Tex. Welbourne had been drinking in the saloon, which is a basement, and after leaving the place turned at the head of the stairs and fired a shot into the saloon. The bartender was standing at the bottom of the stairs, and the bullet passed through his head.

Welbourne was pursued up the street by a howling mob of people, who forced him to take refuge in the barroom of the Grace hotel. While in there he fired on the crowd again, the shot striking Nels C. Lund in the arm, inflicting a slight wound.

Welbourne, when taken to the Central police station, said that about 6 o'clock he went into the saloon and had a drink. He met at the bar a crowd of men and spent some time drinking with them. The conversation turned to women, and he, having mentioned that he was a married man, was angered by a remark made by one of the crowd reflecting upon his wife. He protested in an angry manner and left the place.

As he was standing at the head of the stairs, the saloon being a basement place, making a memorandum in a book, Selvig came up, and seeing the book, said: "You are a detective, are you," and knocked him into the gutter. Selvig then started to run downstairs again, and Welbourne pulled his revolver and fired. He claims he was so excited that he did not know whether he hit the man or not.

Welbourne was registered at the Palmer House as W. D. Wilson of New Orleans. He says he did this because he was here on business for a client whose interests would be injured had he registered under his own name.

## AMERICAN RAILWAY UNION.

Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The board of directors of the American Railway union began its regular quarterly meeting yesterday forenoon. All the directors were present except R. M. Goodwin. The day was spent in going over the finances of the organization and in reviewing the reports of the directors. The reports showed that a number of the local unions were in a demoralized condition owing to the strike of last summer, but the officers say they are more than satisfied with those found to be intact. Seven new unions were reported as organized within the last 30 days.

The difficulty between President Debs and President Gompers appears to be increasing. Debs yesterday gave out the following statement: "Gompers' statement that I asked him to aid in the strike is a mistake. Gompers was asked to attend a conference of all the labor leaders in the country to be held in Chicago to discuss the strike, but refused to come. Later his own organization in Chicago met and ordered him to come to Chicago. He came because he was so ordered, and not of his own volition. At no stage of the trouble did I ask him to strike. When the conference was held here I stated the situation, but Gompers made no request for assistance, and if Gompers says otherwise I can disprove it."

In reply to a question Debs said: "The present session of the American Railway union directors will last until Saturday night unless it should be terminated by Judge Woods. The court will decide the contempt cases Friday, and it may happen that there will be no directors left to go on with the meeting."

## MISSED HIS MARK.

A Kentucky Prisoner Fires at the Judge Night in Court.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 13.—Reports from Hazard are to the effect that Judge Floyd Hall opened court there to try the cases of Jesse Fields and Joe Atkins, charged with shooting ex-County Judge Josiah Coombs from ambush. Fields' brother was county judge, and refused to act at the examining trial, so the two were tried before a magistrate, and let go under \$3,000 bail each.

Judge Hall was told that if he didn't let the men go on bail there would be trouble. He refused, and instructed the sheriff to lock them up. It is said that when the judge gave this order Fields drew a pistol and fired at the judge, barely missing him. Court officers grabbed Fields, but he was released by friends. During the melee Joe Eversole was shot in the shoulder.

## Took Belladonna For Anti-Pyrene.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Lulu Leslie, a dancer with the Besie Bonehill company, playing an engagement in this city, is unconscious with little hope of recovery, the result of an overdose of belladonna. She has been suffering with severe headache and sent a bellboy for anti-pyrene. The boy returned with the belladonna which a druggist's boy had given him by mistake. Miss Leslie swallowed five grains of the drug. The druggist discovered his mistake, but not until Miss Leslie had been overcome with the effects of the poison. The girl resides at 101 West Ninety-ninth street, New York.

## Still Unconscious.

BELLAIRE, O., Dec. 13.—John Heck, assistant agent of the Bellaire, Zanesville and Cincinnati Railroad company, at Woodfield, whose skull was crushed and the office robbed Monday night, is still unconscious.

## Death of Baroness De Rothschild.

FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE, Dec. 13.—Baroness de Rothschild, widow of the late head of the Frankfort House, died here yesterday.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR

Second Day's Session of the Fourth Annual Convention.

## GETTING DOWN TO ACTIVE WORK.

A Plea Presented From the Miners of the Hocking Valley—Sectarian or Captious Side Issues Will Be Discussed by the Federation—President Gompers Will Probably Be Re-Elected.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—The second day's session of the fourth annual convention of the American Federation was called to order at 9 o'clock, with a full attendance.

The committee on rules reported practically the same rules as have heretofore governed the conventions. A committee of the cigarmakers' union, No. 150, of Lincoln, Ill., asking the convention to take a position against any compulsory arbitration law was read to the rules committee.

Messrs. Hysell and Patrick McBride of the mine workers and others made a plea to have Mr. Burns' program changed so as to give the miners of the Hocking Valley a chance to hear him, and urged that Nelsonville, O., be substituted for Cleveland. The matter was finally referred back to the executive council, with the request to hear the arguments of delegates in favor of various localities.

A large number of resolutions were read by title and referred to appropriate committees.

Rev. Myron W. Reed of Denver addressed the convention on the subject of "Paupers and millionaires." He said: "This is a well dressed body of men, but I will guarantee if you will go out and ask for work and food and sleep in your clothes, you will look like tramps." Referring to the general methods of dispensing charity, he said it was much of it conscience money from rich robbers to poor victims. He was preaching the gospel of vigorous discontent. Governor Waite, more criticized than any man in the United States, did what no other governor ever did—he called out the troops to protect the poor.

The speaker was warmly applauded throughout his address.

President Gompers responded to Mr. Reed's remarks in a complimentary manner.

By unanimous consent a resolution presented by Vice President McGuire was adopted, reaffirming the former position of the federation, that no action should be taken regarding religious creed or any similar subject, as follows:

RESOLVED, That we deplore the introduction of any sectarian or captious side issues among the working people. Such movements are destined to divide labor's forces and produce bitter antagonism as they produce religious bigotry, provoke rancorous intolerance and divert the working people from working out their own emancipation from the galling slavery of the present social and political conditions.

RESOLVED, That we here and now reaffirm as one of the cardinal principles of the trades union labor movement that the working people must unite and organize irrespective of creed, color, sex or nationality.

A motion to make the consideration of the political program a special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock was amended by substituting Friday morning, and passed.

It was decided to invite Governor Waite to address the convention.

President Gompers expressed himself in hearty sympathy with Governor Waite.

A score or more of resolutions were presented and passed.

The committee on credentials reported on the painters and decorators' union contest, recommending that both factions be seated and the vote be divided between them, and that the incoming executive council take the matter up and endeavor to effect a reconciliation. The report was adopted.

Delegate Lloyd of the central trades' council of Boston introduced a resolution in favor of free coinage. It was referred to the resolution committee.

At 2:50 the convention adjourned to allow the committees to meet and prepare for future work.

It is now believed that Gompers will be re-elected president, and little if any opposition will be encountered. There are no avowed candidates for the place, though several are said to have aspirations. President Prescott of the typographical union, who has been named as his strongest opponent, has stated positively that he will not be a candidate. President Gompers was feeling quite ill when he came to Denver, but is now somewhat improved and says he is not so ill that he needs a fight if necessary.

John Burns, M. P., has accepted an invitation to address the Women's club Saturday afternoon on "Woman—Her Social and Municipal Duties."

## Island Destroyed by a Volcano.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—A special to The Ledger from Victoria says the steamer Warrimoe, which arrived from Australia, brings word that the island of Anubry, New Hebrides, was destroyed by volcanic action Nov. 13. A native village with all its inhabitants was swept into the sea. The British warship Barth has gone to the scene.

## Eventful Life Ended.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 13.—George Yohe, uncle of May Yohe, the actress, died here yesterday afternoon of pneumonia, aged 65 years. Yohe was one of the few survivors of the Collins expedition to Brazil in 1870 on the *Merced*, which sank off Cape Horn. Miss Yohe was a member of his family before she went on the stage.